

**TULARE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT  
ELECTRONIC WEAPONS UPDATE COURSE OUTLINE**

**I. Introduction / Registration**

A. Registration

1. Departmental paperwork.
2. POST forms.
  - a) POST Attendance Roster
3. Liability waiver (if necessary)
  - a) TASER forms

B. Facility Safety Guidelines

1. Equipment
2. First Aid
3. Location of nearest hospital
4. Communication devices in the classroom

C. Introduction

1. Instructors
2. Students
3. Course overview
4. Facility
5. Weapons safety guidelines

D. Weapon Specific Course

1. TASER
  - a) M26 / X26 TASER
  - b) Electrical System - volts vs. amps, electrical output of weapons.

**II. Electronic Incapacitation vs. Pain Compliance Devices**

A. Pain Compliance / Stun Systems

1. Affects sensory nervous system.
2. Affects communication from the muscles to the brain.

B. Electronic Incapacitation

1. Affects both sensory and motor nervous systems
2. Affects communication from the brain to the muscles

D. Statistics - Historical Use and Deployment

**III. Exposures**

A. Safety Policy

1. Environmental precautions
  - a) Wet / Windy conditions.
2. Proper spotters for exposure
  - a) two person hold, safety mats

3. Post-exposure care
  - a) check of probe impact sites, evaluation.
4. Safety Equipment
  - a) eye protection, safety areas.

#### B. Individual Exposures

1. Benefits of voluntary exposure
  - a) familiarization with weapon - capabilities, documentation of exposure.
2. Not Required

### **IV. Electronic Weapons and Nomenclature**

#### A. TASER M26/X26 Nomenclature

1. Manufacturer specifications and safety guidelines
2. Weapon specifications
3. Holster specifications
4. Cartridge specifications
  - a) Various Cartridges
  - b) Color coordination / differences
  - c) Types of probes
  - d) Trajectories
  - e) Cartridge safety
  - f) Probe spread
  - d) AFIDS
5. Battery specifications
  - a) Battery Removal
  - b) Battery Charging
  - c) Conditioning and Insertion
6. Data Port
  - a) M-26 /X-26 download

#### B. Pros and Cons

1. Never 100%
2. Reduce injuries to subjects and officers
3. Accessibility
4. Comparison with other force options
  - a) Impact weapons, K-9, OC deployment precautions with TASER.
5. Environmental restrictions
  - a) wet conditions
6. Compatibility with other force options
  - a) Impact weapons, K-9, OC

### **V. Legal / Ethical Considerations**

#### A. Statutory and Case Law

1. Federal statutes
2. State statutes
3. Civil law considerations

4. Relevant case law

#### B. Department Policy

1. Department Use of Force Policy
2. Electronic weapons policy
3. Documentation
4. Medical Policy

#### C. Ethics

1. Used consistent with policy and training
2. Sanctions for misuse

### **VI. Medical Aspects**

#### A. Medical Considerations

1. Method of delivery
2. Electrical output
3. Physiological effects
4. Known pre-existing medical conditions
  - A) use of drugs, pregnancy.

#### B. Subject Risk Factors

1. Drug and alcohol consumption
2. Excited Delirium
3. Positional / restraint / compression asphyxia
4. Preventative measures

### **VII. Deployment and Documentation**

#### A. Pre-deployment

1. Modes of deployment
  - a) Carry Considerations
  - b) Full time carry
  - c) Corrections use
  - d) Armed barricaded suspect(s)
  - e) suicidal subjects
  - f) emotionally disturbed subjects
  - g) chemical influences
2. POST recommended weak-side carry
  - a) Holster Pro's and Con's
3. Communication / contact-cover
4. Deadly force cover considerations
5. Scene assessment / environmental considerations
  - a) Height (fall risk)
  - b) Body of water
  - c) Flammable conditions - OC / TASER flammability

6. Force options considerations
  - a) Alternative / back up plan.
  - b) Department policy
  - c) Multiple applications
  - d) Multiple electronic weapons used on a subject
  - e) Use on handcuffed subject
7. Known pre-existing medical considerations
  - a) Age of subject
  - b) Pregnant female
  - c) Pacemaker
  - d) Obviously frail

#### B. Deployment

1. Recommended distance from target.
  - a) Target zones
  - b) Effective target zones
  - c) Eye Impacts
  - d) probe placement considerations
  - e) Drive stuns - target areas, markings, techniques.
2. Target areas for the subject
3. Communications
  - a) Other officers
  - b) Subjects (warning/directions)
4. Evaluate effect after each application
5. Application of additional or different force options
6. Safely take subject into custody (cuff under power)
7. Cover officer considerations in an arrest situation
8. K-9 Considerations

#### C. Post-deployment

1. Medical assessment for subject or officers.
  - a) Sudden Unexpected Deaths - warning signs, excited Delirium.
2. Supervisor notification
3. Probe/Dart removal
  - a) Probe removal safety (bio-hazard)
4. Transportation/ medical clearance
5. Evidence collection

#### D. Documentation

1. Subject's behavior and actions
2. Independent witnesses
3. Documentation of the facts (injuries, medical care, etc.)
4. Data downloads
5. Audio, video, etc.
  - a) TASER camera - overview.
6. Training - TASER website and TASER Academy - instructor / master

instructor certificates, armorer course.

## **VIII. Taser Maintenance**

1. Troubleshooting Guide
  - a) Wet device
  - b) Sanitation
  - c) Downloading

## **IX. Practical Application and Testing**

### **A. Scenario Training**

1. Static drills
  - a) Loading cartridges
  - b) Spark test drill
  - c) Aiming (Dry Fire Drill)
  - d) Live fire exercise
  - e) tactical re-loading
2. Scenario-based exercises
  - a) Patrol scenario - single / multiple subjects
  - b) Corrections scenario -

### **B. Written Test**

1. Students will complete written test on material covered
2. Students will have test graded and will go over results
3. Remediation will be provided for any student that fails.
4. Passing score of 80% or better.

### **C. Practical Test**

1. Students will perform a practical test to demonstrate learning.
2. Students will demonstrate competency with the electrical weapon.
3. Students will be allowed to remediate if needed, prior to the end of the course.
4. Course evaluations will be given and certificates distributed.